

## India starts gold sales

NEW DELHI, May 5 (R). — The Reserve Bank of India today announced the results of the first of its anti-smuggling gold auctions. Nearly half a tonne of gold — far less than expected — was sold at well above world market prices, but for much less than the metal usually fetches in India. The bank said that in the first-ever auction from India's official gold holdings it had sold 422,000 grams (15,837 troy ounces) at prices ranging between \$20 and 663 rupees (373-78) per 10 grams. These prices are roughly the equivalent to between \$227 and \$242 an ounce, compared with the prevailing world market price of around \$170.

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## Israel bans West Bank mayors political parlaying

TEL AVIV, May 5 (Agencies). — The Military Government in the Occupied West Bank has forbidden the Arab mayors to meet to discuss politics, Israeli television reported today. The television said the military governors summoned the Arab mayors recently to tell them they could not hold political gatherings, but could meet socially.

### Bad behaviour

Mayor of Nablus in the occupied West Bank, Bassam Shakshah, today accused Israeli soldiers of improper behaviour during a week-long curfew imposed on his town last week during a search for guerrillas who killed the West German tourists.

A letter to Defence Minister Menachem, Mr. Al Shakshah, said: "Residents of Nablus were surprised by the bad behaviour of soldiers during the curfew period."

Curfew was lifted earlier this week although the intensive search failed to discover those who hurled a grenade at the tourist bus.

His letter Mr. Al Shakshah asked Mr. Weizman to investigate the affair.

## Bethlehem governor rapped

TEL AVIV, May 5 (AP). — Senior officers in the occupied West Bank were reprimanded by a military court for violently suppressing Palestinian demonstration, army said.

The military governor of Bethlehem, Lt.-Col. Natan Ron, was given an administrative command by the Central Command, and his deputy, Major Nissim Cohen, was reprimanded by a disciplinary court, army spokesman said.

They were accused of ordering troops to throw tear gas at a schoolboy in Beit Jala, suburb of Bethlehem on March 1.

The West Bank Military Governor, Brig. David Haigoel, was moved from office earlier this week as a result of the incident.

## Venezuelan minister says public accept increased energy prices

JF. Saudi Arabia, May 4 (R). — Ministers from 13 nations that together control half the world's oil production to meet in this cool mountain resort Saturday to discuss medium and long-term pricing policies, but are not likely to touch any immediate decisions on these prices, a top official said today.

The ministers, representing members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will meet formally without an agenda according to Valentín Hernández Acosta, the minister from Venezuela and President of OPEC.

He is supported in this by Prince Abdul Aziz Al Turki, Saudi Oil Minister. The two officials met with reporters in the luxury international hotel and convention center 600 meters above the Sea.

Hernández emphasised several times that he was opposed to changing the means of payment to anything but dollars. OPEC oil prices are currently set unilaterally in dollars. The base price is \$12.70 per 42-gallon barrel for what is known as Ras Tanura light, a Saudi variety. Other prices are adjusted to reflect differing qualities.

## Aldo Moro being killed announce Red Brigades in Communiqué No. 9

ROME, May 5 (R). — The Red Brigades said today that they were carrying out their threat to kill former Premier Aldo Moro but they did not say they had done so.

"We conclude the battle begun on March 16 by carrying out the sentence to which Aldo Moro has been condemned," a statement, picked up by newspapers in Milan, Rome, Geneva and Turin said.

"The battle started on March 16 with the capture of Aldo Moro has reached its conclusion," the statement said.

The Red Brigades said their campaign against the state would continue and had not been undermined by help recently given to the government by foreign experts.

"No German, English or American specialist ... has succeeded in the least in holding back the growing offensive of the fighting communist forces," they declared.

The guerrillas also announced that they would publish the results of "the interrogations of Aldo Moro and information in our possession, together with a political-military report on the battle which is concluded here."

### Two more executives shot

ROME, May 5 (R). — Terrorists shot two more Italian industrial executives with bullets in the legs Thursday night while investigators quizzed aides of Aldo Moro to try to learn if the political leader's family is communicating secretly with his kidnappers.

Umberto Degli Innocenti, 51, an engineer for a Milan communications equipment firm, was shot on the steps of his home. Alfredo Lamberti, 37, a Labor relations officer for a Genoa steel firm, was attacked as he walked near the Genoa railway station.

They were the third and fourth men shot in the legs within nine days. The Red Brigades announced it was responsible for all four attacks.

The communiqué was the ninth in a series from the far-left extremists who kidnapped Mr. Moro on a Rome street on March 16. It appeared to reporters who have handled previous statements to be authentic.

The statement was released shortly after the government's inter-ministerial security committee reaffirmed Italy's hard line of rejecting the Red Brigades' demand for the release of 13 detained extremists in return of Mr. Moro.

The committee also rejected a socialist proposal for humanitarian gestures towards detained leftists aimed at persuading the extremist guerrillas to release the 61-year-old president of the ruling Christian Democratic Party.

Commenting on their prisoner exchange demand, the Red Brigades said "we must respect the clear refusal of the Christian Democratic Party, the government and the accomplices who support it and their declared unwillingness to be anything other than they have been so far."

They had been "obtuse, ferocious assassins in the service of the imperialist bourgeoisie,"

BEIRUT, May 5 (R). — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat and the commander of U.N. peace troops in Lebanon ended more than two hours of tough talk today without agreement on how to prevent fresh clashes in the war-shattered south, reliable sources said.

The talks between Mr. Arafat and Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, the Ghanaian commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), were called after three U.N. soldiers died in fierce fighting with leftist guerrillas last Tuesday.

Mr. Arafat believes that UNIFIL should concern itself only with supervising the pull out of the Israeli invading troops while Gen. Erskine considers that UNIFIL must also prevent the movement of armed men across the lines in southern Lebanon.

UN. sources described the discussion as frank and honest and said Gen. Erskine would report back to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.



Yasser Arafat chats with Maj. Gen. Erskine, commander of UNIFIL during a meeting in Beirut on Friday. (AP wirephoto)

## French planes strafe attacking polisario column in Mauretania

PARIS, May 5 (R). — French Jaguar strike planes killed dozens of Polisario guerrillas in a low-level attack with cannon and rockets deep in Mauritania on Wednesday, officials said here today.

The guerrillas, in a column of 50 vehicles, were heading across the Sahara desert for the world's largest open cast iron ore mining centre at Zouerate where over 200 Frenchmen work.

The air strike was the first since December when Jaguars went into action to check increasingly successful raids by the Algerian-supported guerrillas against Mauritania.

### Risk

The Polisario is fighting for the independence of the western Sahara ceded to Mauritania when Spain withdrew from its African colony in 1976.

Authoritative sources here said the Polisario appeared to have risked sending out a big force from its Algerian bases in the belief that all available French Jaguars were now committed to another guerrilla campaign in Chad.

He said that there was recognition among OPEC members that, despite a decline in real terms of oil prices over the past 18 months, due to inflation and drop in the purchasing power of the dollar, it was possibly not opportune at this moment to raise prices, either directly or through a change in methods of calculating them.

The Venezuelan said that he personally was in favour of raising prices directly, rather than moving away from the dollar either as a means of calculation or as a means of actual payment.

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The air action was in line with frequent promises by France that it would stand by former African colonies under external attacks. Similar French military support is currently being provided for Chad, whose military government is threatened by Libyan-supported Toumbi rebels from the Tibesti Mountains.

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## Nimeiri arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 5 (AP). — President Jaafar Nimeiri of Sudan arrived in Damascus from Cairo today in a mediation attempt to heal an Arab world rift over Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's unilateral peace initiative with Israel. Spokesmen for Syrian President Hafez Assad, the main opponent of Sadat's initiative, said a reconciliation would be possible only when Sadat publicly renounces his solo Middle East peace overtures. Even before Nimeiri began his talks with Assad, Syria's Information Minister Ahmed Iskandar described the Sudanese president's fence-mending mission as "doomed to failure. The road between Cairo and Tel Aviv must be closed before Cairo's routes to the rest of the Arab World could be reopened." Iskandar said in an interview published by the Beirut independent magazine Al Jouhour.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

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## Expansion of future plane sales to Israel considered by Carter

### Basically sound

Former U.S. president Gerald R. Ford said Thursday that the proposal to sell warplanes to Israel, the three countries is "basically sound."

Speaking at a news conference, Ford said he would perhaps have done it differently, but approved the controversial arms package.

Ford said Israel should be sold a greater number of planes, "but the concept is sound."

The sources told Associated

Press Radio, however, that the administration will not on any account reduce the number of planes in the deal for Saudi Arabia despite the urging of some members of Congress.

The \$4.8-billion jet deal now before Congress would send 60 F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia, 50 F-5E jets to Egypt and 15 F-15s and 75 F-16s to Israel.

A source on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmed, meanwhile, that the search for a compromise is continuing and that the situation remains fluid. That source also asked to remain anonymous.

Congress had 30 days from last Friday to reject the proposed sales if it wishes. To block the deal both Houses must adopt resolutions of disapproval by May 28.

The sources said the commanding movement was encouraging Lebanese leftist organisations in southern Lebanon to boost their forces in the south and increase raids against the Israeli.

Analysts said that increased leftist action in southern Lebanon would place the U.N. in a political dilemma. Officers of the Norwegian UNIFIL contingent have said that their task of controlling the movement of armed men did not apply to the commander of right-wing forces in the south, Major Sa'ad Haddad.

The Norwegian argument is that Major Haddad, whose Israeli-backed forces have been fighting the Palestinians and their leftist allies, was Lebanese and therefore not subject to control. The same argument would presumably apply to Lebanese leftists.

Despite the Congressional overture, there is no assurance that Israel's supporters in Congress who are critical of the jet deal will find the compromise acceptable.

The White House sources stressed that the compromise plan originated in Congress, not the administration. But one said, "we're not rejecting out of hand any Congressional overtures."

Another view

A contrary view was taken by George W. Ball, an Undersecretary of State under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson and one of two club moderators who represented Begin with questions.

Ball said it would be unwise to turn down the Saudi request "for instruments it feels it requires for its self-defence."

He cited recent statements by Saudi leaders who said they would turn elsewhere — possibly to France and its Mirage jets — if Congress rejected the request. Ball said such a move would undermine U.S.-Saudi relations and the Saudis' role as a broker between Arab moderates and militants in efforts to arrange a Mideast peace.

Begin said he feared the Saudi jets would be turned against

Saudi Arabia, two moderate Arab states, feel more secure.

The foreign relations panel does not expect to reach any decision on the matter before hearing testimony on Monday from former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger made the original commitment to provide oil-rich Saudi Arabia with advanced jet fighters to replace an ageing fleet of British Lightnings.

Democratic Senator Frank Church said it was news to him that the United States had made such a commitment to Saudi Arabia.

An official of the general accounting office, an arm of Congress, said that the first commitment to provide advanced aircraft to Saudi Arabia was made in Nov. 1974 when Kissinger was still Secretary of State.

## Begin introduces moral issues to proposed sale of U.S. jets to Riyadh

NEW YORK, May 5 (AP). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, appealing to U.S. President Jimmy Carter to abandon his proposed three-way sale of warplanes in the Middle East, said "problems of conscience, of international morality, should play a role — in my opinion a decisive role" in deciding matters of policy.

Addressing a gilt-edged audience of businessmen at a New York economic club Thursday night, Begin capitalized the proposed package sale of jets to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel into the moral arena.

"Let America not aggravate

the danger to that small country called Israel — a faithful ally of the United States," he said, specifically criticizing the proposed sale of 75 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia.

Another view

The radio said Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan disclosed the suggestion when he briefed Foreign Ministry officials yesterday on his talks last week with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Israel is waiting for Egypt's reaction to the idea, Mr. Dayan was quoted as saying. Representation for the Palestinians in Middle East peace efforts, Israel refuses to bargain with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

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The various events taking place in the United States this week, revolving around the visit there of Israel's Premier Menachem Begin and the contest in the U.S. Congress over selling warplanes to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel, are as fine an example as we will ever have of the full force of Zionist misinformation and deceitful propaganda. Mr. Begin told a Chicago rally "... there will not be a so-called Palestinian state ruled by our implacable enemies," and the leading Israeli lobbying group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), has sent copies of the book "Holocaust", with accompanying letters and pamphlets, to all members of Congress, key administration officials and leading news reporters and commentators in Washington. The book "Holocaust" is based on the television series recently aired in the United States depicting the inhuman treatment of European Jews under Nazi Germany. The AIPAC letter said in part, "this chilling account of the extermination of six million Jews underscores Israel's concerns during the current negotiations for security without reliance on outside guarantees."

All this, of course, is standard Zionist lobbying in action. But it seems especially grotesque to us today, amid the public peace aspirations of the Arabs as symbolised by the Sadat initiative, for Israel crudely to bring back memories of the holocaust and to graft onto this horrifying memory an association with the Arabs of today.

Mr. Begin's insistence on calling the Palestinians his "implacable enemies" is testament to how much his view of the contemporary world is falsely altered by his experiences under the Nazis. The Palestinians are not the enemies of the Jews. They are their brothers and sisters, and like all brothers and sisters, they want to share with them their common, ancestral home.

Mr. Begin will have to see someday that peace and security will come to Palestine only when the land of Palestine is shared by the Israelis and the Palestinians who have lived there together for the past several thousand years. To seek to effect political changes in the contemporary Middle East by evoking ghastly memories of past European crimes is bad statesmanship and an untimely evasion of the responsibilities of leadership. Mr. Begin and AIPAC are making peace and security for Israel more distant, not more likely. They are dooming their children to having to hand out chilling history books and to propagate false associations as they are doing themselves today. This is a cycle of war, not a cycle of peace, and someday Mr. Begin will have to understand this, and make peace with his Palestinian brothers and sisters.

**ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY**

AL DUSTOUR Friday gave prominence to King Hussein's continuing tour of tribal regions in the south of the country. The newspaper said the King's inspection visits reflect not only his keen interest in the social and economic development of the regions, but also the true democratic spirit.

The King's visits over the past three days and his meetings with heads of tribes to sound out their needs and discuss their requests demonstrate his relentless efforts in pursuit of the well-being of his people and his desire to strengthen ties between the government and the citizens, the paper said.

The King considers the citizens to be the real wealth of this country on whose shoulders rests the responsibility for Jordan's progress, the paper concluded.

**WHAT'S GOING ON****Comedy Theatre**

The Amman Players' new production of "The Bride and the Bachelor" gives its final performance tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Jordan Theatre, Jabal Luweibdeh.

**THE AMERICAN WOMEN OF AMMAN**

Will meet at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, in the Pacha room of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. Programme: a film on Jordan and election of officers.

**Jordan has fantastic camping weather, for those who will take advantage of it**

**Text and photos**  
 by Marianne Pearson  
 Special to the Jordan Times

Pat and Chesley Judy and their four children have found an inexpensive way to enjoy vacations and to get to know Jordan. It's called camping.

The Judys, who have been in Jordan for two years -- he works in the consular section of the American embassy -- contrast the experience of Aqaba from a camp site and a hotel.

Mrs. Judy said: "To see the sun coming up, the fish jumping in the gulf, and the sunsets in solitude and silence -- the effort is worth it for that. The stars at night are magnificent, something you can't experience except in the open. In a hotel, curtains have to be drawn for privacy and you miss being awakened by the first rays of the sun. We've tried a hotel, but camping is our preference."

Jordan is small enough so that it is possible to reach any corner of the country within hours, large enough to offer variety. The air is exceptionally pure, making it a pleasure to be outdoors. The Judys have found the people to be both friendly and honest. "We feel completely safe camping out."

"I think Jordan has fantastic camping weather," she continued, "especially in the spring and fall."

Dibbeen National Forest, next to Jarash, is a pleasant place for summer camping, and a good place for inexperienced campers: camp sites are laid out and the distance from Amman is short. It is good for a trial run to see what you'll need to take along on a more elaborate trip.

It is possible to camp with little special equipment; adults can manage with just sleeping bags. Because children need more protection from the elements as well as possible insect bites, Mrs. Judy thinks that camping with a tent is better for families.

The Judys' tenting equipment has grown from one large one, which has space for the whole family -- but just barely -- to a total of four: three small bedroom tents have been added. They had the luxury of a Judy "village" at Aqaba, but plan to rough it at Wadi Rum on an up-coming trip with just the three small ones.

The children like the feeling of freedom and independence within the family circle. Once a private site is chosen, they can yell, explore, be on their own.

In planning a camping trip a major problem to consider is water, which is unavailable in some places for washing

up as well as for drinking. Camp location and size of the family are determining factors. The Judys usually carry two 20-litre plastic jugs for water and also frozen drinking water in plastic camping containers. These help keep perishable food cool, and as they melt, provide refreshing drinking water. The Judys carry water purification tablets, more as a talisman than for practical purposes. "We have never used them. The taste is so bad, we take our chances with local water."

Favourite camping sites of the Judys are in the south: Aqaba, Wadi Rum and Petra. Wadi Walla is another good spot, though not accessible by automobile. The road is rough and the last stretch has to be done on foot, but it leads to the beautiful wadi fall that makes it all worthwhile.

A car with normal suspension can go almost anywhere. However, for their trip into Wadi Rum they are renting a vehicle with four-wheel drive to take them further into the desert than they have been before.

Other tips on camping from Mrs. Judy: It's best to plan on at least

two nights for a camping trip. You want to have the opportunity to explore the area around your camp site.

Bring a prepared meal for the first night in camp. After the drive and setting up camp, everyone is tired and hungry.

At Aqaba sudden, unexpected wind can knock down a tent. It's best to use sand pegs which are very long, or to weigh down the edges of the tent with rocks, even though the weather is clear and calm when you have made camp.

In the desert have warm bedding. Temperature can drop suddenly when the sun goes down.

Camp stoves and lanterns with fuel refills are inexpensive and available at local supermarkets. It is not practical to expect to find wood for a fire. "Before we bought a lantern, when the sun went down, so did we."

Food in tins is useful to supplement the fresh food you bring.

It may be impossible to find shade. Wear comfortable, loose clothing, like a caftan, and some sort of headgear.

Know where to get petrol, or bring an emergency supply along.



Camping equipment awaiting loading for a trip to wadi Rum provides a comfortable spot for all, ten-years-old, and John, 6, reviewing his Cub Scout book.



Joy, 13-years-old, helps her father load the 4-wheel vehicle they have rented. The children are seasoned campers and each cooperates to make the trip a success.



John and Mark, nine-years-old, watch their father pack a toy rocket. They plan to launch it from the desert spaces of Wadi Rum.



Packing the motor vehicle has to be done carefully to accommodate a six-member family. Joy and Mark are ready for the trip to Wadi Rum.



Mrs. Judy pauses to consider what other items to pack in the cooler. The cooler makes it possible to take along food which would otherwise perish. Mrs. Judy thinks that good equipment is a wise investment; it pays for itself when it is used. A similar cooler was stolen from the Judy's by a bear in a U.S. national park.

The children say goodbye to Taj, the family pet. The dog seems sorry about their imminent departure, but pets and camping don't mix.

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# Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Damas-Scene will hence forth be appearing on Saturdays, to coincide with the beginning of the week in Syria. Occasionally, the column will include cultural events in Aleppo or other cities in Syria besides Damascus.

Week of May 6 - May 12

## EXHIBITS

SUNDAY, May 7: Thirty three works of Burhan Karkutli will be on view through Friday, May 12, at Al Shab' Art Gallery. The one-man show will present both folk art and political themes of the Syrian graphic artist who lives in Frankfurt, Germany. Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

MONDAY, May 8: A 6:30 p.m. reception will open a one-man show of graphic art by University of Damascus professor Ghayas Akhras in the French Cultural Centre. The exhibition will continue through May 20. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, May 8: Opening reception at 7 p.m. for "La Vision Espanola," an exhibition of oil paintings by Syrian artist Mousab Babill through May 17, Spanish Cultural Centre.

MONDAY, May 8: A display of posters and graphic art about Russia, Soviet Cultural Centre.

## LECTURES

MONDAY, May 8: "The Chief Characteristics of the National Personality of the Palestinians," by Adnan Abdurrahim, 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, May 9: A programme marking the 150th birthday of composer Carl Maria von Weber with Syrian conductor Nuri Ruheibani introducing recordings of Weber's music, 7 p.m. German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, May 9: An illustrated slide lecture on the Bedouins of Lebanon's Beqa Valley by Dr. Dawn Chatty, visiting Fulbright Professor at the University of Damascus, 7:30 p.m. American Community School.

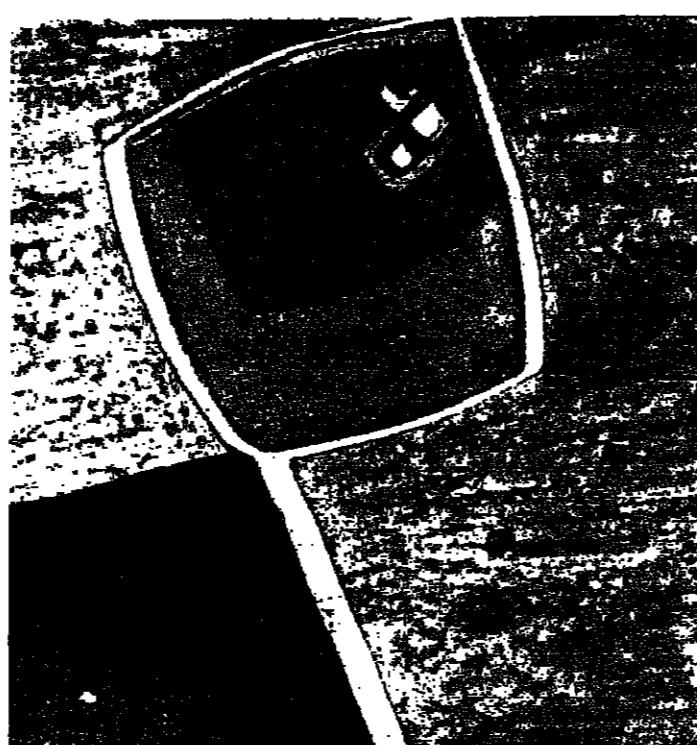
WEDNESDAY, May 10: Poetry recital by Vicki Messica, 8 p.m. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

WEDNESDAY, May 10: Illustrated stories for children aged 5 to 8 presented by Denis Moranta, 3:30 p.m. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

THURSDAY, May 11: "Disques Commentés -" a discussion of the music of Arthur Honegger by Louis Peraudin, 7:30 p.m. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

## CONCERTS

THURSDAY, May 11: Classical selections performed by Syrian guitarist Hassan Khabouri, 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre Music Salon.



"VILLAGE OF MY BIRTH," an etching by Ghayas Akhras is among 26 works by the University of Damascus professor that will be on view Monday, May 8 through May 20 at the French Cultural Centre. Akhras was trained in the fine arts academies of Cairo, Madrid, Rome and Paris. His work has been exhibited in Berlin, Rome, Paris, Geneva and California.

## THEATRE

SATURDAY, May 6: Edward Abee's "The Zoo," produced directed and acted by members of the Experimental Theatre of Syria, 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

## FILMS

SATURDAY, May 6: "L'Auberge Rouge," a 1951 film by Claude Autant-Lara with Fernandel and Francoise Rosay, 8 p.m. French Cultural Centre. Reservations necessary seven hours before showtime, (in French).

SUNDAY, May 7: Part IV of the Soviet film "Liberation," 6:30 p.m. German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre, (in Russian with Arabic sub-titles).

TUESDAY, May 9: 8 p.m. and FRIDAY, May 12 at 7 p.m.: "Hotel du Nord," a 1938 film by Marcel Carné with Louis Jouvet, Arletty and Bernard Blier. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

WEDNESDAY, May 10: "Three Days After Eternity," 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Russian with Arabic sub-titles).

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FRIDAY, May 12: "A Novel in Action: Parts I and II," 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Russian with Arabic sub-titles).

During the week of May 11: Classical selections performed by Syrian guitarist Hassan Khabouri, 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre Music Salon.

## Jordan Times 1978

### Tourism Supplement

The Jordan Times is publishing on May 11 1978 a supplement on the Jordanian Tourism Industry. This will include articles on tourism and hotel facilities, restaurants and entertainment, tourism development plans and interviews with key figures in the tourism industry in Jordan.

Advertisers and their agents are kindly requested to contact Middle East Communicators, Telephone Amman 42928 or the Advertising Manager of the Jordan Times to reserve space in this supplement.

In addition to the normal distribution of the Jordan Times a special print run will be distributed by the Ministry of Tourism as part of its promotion of Jordanian tourism.

## Syria, West Germany sign cooperation accord

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 5 (AP). — Syria and West Germany signed an agreement Wednesday for cultural and scientific cooperation. The agreement was signed by Kurt Müller, Director of Cultural Affairs at the German Foreign Ministry, and 'Eed Abdo, Syrian Under-secretary of Culture and Education.

The agreement provides for the exchange of fellowships, 5 experts and specialists in cultural and scientific fields.

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# Fukuda rejects calls for protectionism in Japanese trade, says economic crises may endanger world peace

NEW YORK, May 5 (R). — Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda said last night world stability and peace could be endangered by the present international economic crisis. In the only public speech scheduled during his week-long visit to the United States, Mr. Fukuda indirectly criticised calls in Congress for greater protectionism in view of Japan's huge balance of trade surplus and appealed for fully free trade.

He continually emphasised the need for full cooperation between the United States and Japan in all spheres and proposed the establishment of a joint fund for the advancement of science and technology, especially nuclear energy.

Despite Congressional suggestions that Japan should spend more on defence, the prime minister reiterated his country's historic commitment to peace, "permanently rejecting the option of becoming a military power."

After three and a half hours of talks on trade and economic issues with President Carter yesterday, he also rejected suggestions that he was dissatisfied with U.S. measures to bolster the dollar against the yen.

The keynote throughout Mr. Fukuda's speech to a luncheon given by the Japan Society and the U.S. Foreign Policy Association, was cooperation — a word he used more than 30 times.

Much of the speech was devoted to the question of reducing Japan's huge trade surplus with the U.S. — about \$9 billion for fiscal 1977 — which has been a source of considerable U.S. displeasure.

But he stressed the responsibility the United States itself had in this respect.

He said that as a result of Japanese initiatives — a seven per cent growth rate target for 1978, tariff cuts, liberalising quota controls — "the Japanese market is today as open and accessible as the United States, and the opportunities for exporting to Japan are greatly expanded."

"I hope the United States will respond with a redoubling of your efforts to promote American exports to Japan," he added.

Economic problems, he said, could not be resolved through protectionism and the contraction of world trade, but through liberalism and world trade expansion.

## Portugal, IMF agree loans

LISBON, May 5 (AP). — Portugal announced last night it has reached agreement with the International Monetary Fund on austerity measures to unblock \$800 million in Western emergency loans, but declined to say what the measures were.

Informed sources speculated that the steps included a further devaluation of the escudo, another rise in bank lending rates as a means of restricting credit, and a reduction in the \$1.5 billion national payments deficit to \$1 billion or less over a 12-month period.

The IMF had reportedly demanded tougher terms in intermittent bargaining that began late last year, but Prime Minister Mario Soares's Socialist-Conservative government was said to have convinced IMF negotiators that harsh controls would damage the economy rather than help it.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8278/83	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0745/60	West German marks
	2.2150/70	Dutch guilders
	1.9480/9500	Swiss francs
	32.30/33	Belgian francs
	224.40/60	Japanese yen
	5.4015/30	Norwegian crowns
	5.6650/75	Danish crowns

## London Market Report

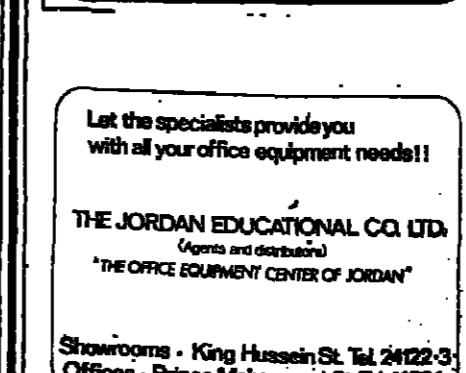
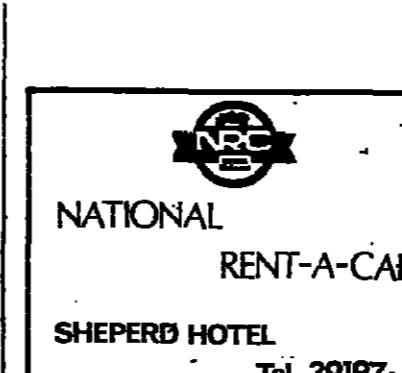
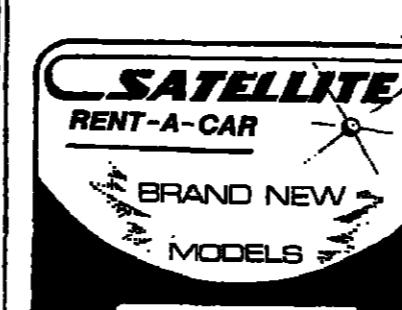
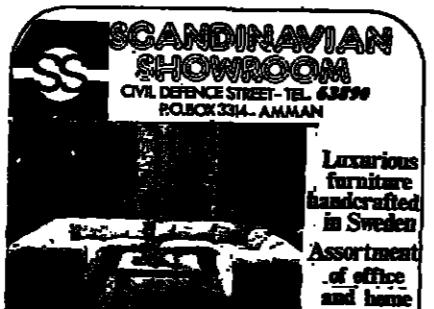
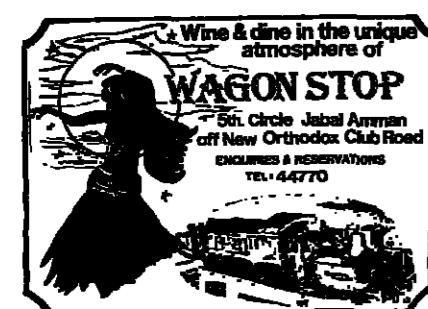
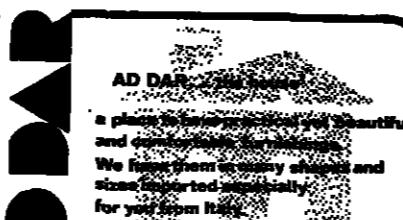
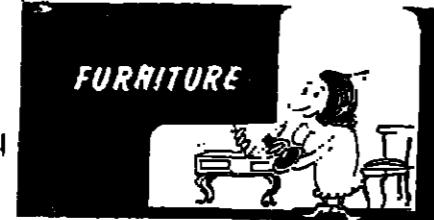
Share prices closed higher in thin trading yesterday, dealers said, and at 15:00 the F.T. index was up 7.9 at 482.5.

Government bonds gained up to 5/8. Dealers said prices were marked down slightly following the minimum lending rate increase to 8-3/4 pct. which was below market expectations.

Gold shares closed lower in line with the decline in the bullion price. U.S. stocks inclined firmer while Canadian and Australian stocks eased.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at \$172.80/oz.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

### Jim Rice, Dennis Eckersley join hands to allow Boston Red Sox to score 8-1 victory over Minnesota

NEW YORK, May 5 (AP). — Jim Rice clouted a pair of triples and knocked in three runs to help Dennis Eckersley notch his first victory in a Boston uniform as the Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 8-1 last night.

Rice tripled home two runs in the first inning and drove in a run in the second with a sacrifice fly, all off Twins starter Paul Thormodsgard.

Eckersley, a former member of the Cleveland Indians who has a 1-1 record after six starts this year with the Red Sox, scattered four hits, including doubles by Glen Adams and Dan Ford.

The Red Sox took a 3-0 lead

in the first inning in a rally highlighted by Rice's two-run triple. Boston added four runs in the second in a rally which included Rice's sacrifice fly and Carl Yastrzemski's RBI single.

The Red Sox capped their scoring in the third on Rick Burleson's sacrifice fly.

Last night's other scheduled American League game between the Texas Rangers and Baltimore Orioles was postponed by rain.

In the National League, Reg

gie Smith drove in three runs with a home run and a sacrifice fly and Rick Rhoden hurled a six-hitter to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-1 decision over the Chicago Cubs.

Bobby Valentine drilled a two-run homer and drew a bases-loaded walk and Jerry Koosman pitched a seven-hitter as the New York Mets downed the Atlanta Braves 8-2.

A National League contest between the San Francisco Giants and St. Louis Cardinals was called off by rain.

Baseball results and standings after Thursday's games:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	15	5	.750	—
New York	13	9	.591	3
Boston	14	10	.583	3
Cleveland	10	11	.476	5
Milwaukee	10	12	.455	6
Baltimore	9	13	.409	7
Toronto	8	15	.348	8

#### WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	18	5	.783	—
Kansas City	14	8	.625	3
California	14	9	.609	4
Texas	10	10	.500	6
Chicago	7	13	.350	8
Minnesota	8	18	.308	11
Seattle	8	20	.286	14

#### Thursday's games:

Texas at Baltimore, postponed, rain  
Boston 8, Minnesota 1  
Only games scheduled

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE:

##### EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Montreal	12	1	.600	—
Philadelphia	11	1	.579	4
Chicago	12	11	.522	14
Pittsburgh	10	11	.476	24
St. Louis	10	13	.434	21
New York	11	14	.440	33

##### WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	15	8	.652	—
Cincinnati	14	9	.609	1
San Francisco	12	11	.521	3
Houston	10	13	.435	5
San Diego	9	13	.408	8
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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1978

## Your Daily HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Dispose of undone tasks completing them to the best of your ability. Avoid taking chances because you feel imposed upon or want to fit out from under chores that have become tiresome and ineffective. Don't spend more than you can afford.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Use care and caution in handling monetary problems. Budget money more carefully, too. Avoid those who want to con you in some way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take time to improve your appearance so that you make a better impression on others and gain your aims. Be of help to those who deserve it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take care of important personal affairs and stop procrastinating. Wait for a better time to make a pleasure trip.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Your friends are busy with their own affairs so don't expect much from them now. Go after your own aims quietly and get good results.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Use care in handling community affairs and get the fine results you want. Be careful in dealings involving your credit. Take time for social fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use spare time to study a new venture that intrigues you, but don't jump into it yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Carry through with promises others since they are important to your welfare and theirs. Reach true harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Whatever is expected of you by associates should be well thought out and right decisions reached. You have to handle a distressing matter in a most intelligent way. Be poised.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Forget about recreational plans until you have finished the work ahead of you. Then take treatments that will make you more manic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't let anything and in the way of your having a good time now. Do whatever will be most appreciated by kin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care you do not start any arguments at home or there can be a serious severance of connections. Don't permit others to pressure you into some new interest that is not for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Use care in motion now so that you do not have trouble. Take care you do not argue with an associate or serious trouble can ensue.

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## Sudan tries to get the kink out of the Nile

By Andrew Lyett

KHARTOUM, (F.T.) — Arabic is a direct and expressive language. Faced with the largest area of swamp land in the world on the upper reaches of the River Nile in southern Sudan, the Arabs resorted to no false romanticism. They called it the Sudd, meaning blockage.

Since the late nineteenth century when travellers and explorers first experienced the blockage — so vast that professional estimates of the size of the swamps vary between six thousand and one hundred thousand square kilometres — politicians and engineers have sought a way round this water-logged kink in the Nile.

## Canal scheme

Solutions have centred on the idea of a canal leading the Nile waters away from the Sudd. An Anglo-Egyptian team surveyed such a project back in 1938 and again in 1954. Today the Sudanese and Egyptian governments are involved in a joint scheme to build a 175 mile canal cutting out the meandering reed-ridden loop of the Sudd.

But they are experiencing another and unexpected impediment — the concerted opposition of ecologists protest-

ing against the potential damage to fauna and flora and to the nomadic lifestyles of the cattle breeding tribesmen of the area. So they are now having to modify their plans.

The proposed Jonglei Canal (called after the village at its southern end) is planned to promote better communications between north and south Sudan and conserve for irrigated agriculture in Sudan and Egypt. Ten per cent of the 420m. square metres of water currently lost through evaporation and seepage in the Sudd.

According to the Sudanese Commissioner of the Jonglei Scheme, Abdullah Ibrahim, the Sudd is a "wasteful means of subsistence" while the Jonglei Canal promises to be an "instrument of national integration." Most of the rivers of Europe and the United States have had their courses substantially altered, he argues. Sudan should now be allowed to go ahead and build similar schemes herself.

## Ecological repercussions

Not so, shout the ecologists. Led by the Kenyan, Oscar Mann, who presented a sixty-page refutation of the Jonglei Scheme to the United Nations Conference on Desertification last year.

The current scheme would

Early travellers always got stuck when they reached the great Nile blockage known as the Sudd, in Sudan. The Sudanese are finally trying to cut through it — but the ecologists think the blockage should stay the way it is.

have "very grave ecological repercussions," he says. Mr. Mann alleges that:

\* Diversion through the canal would cut down the volume of water lost through evaporation and seepage in the Sudd. This would have severe climatic effects, leading to perhaps further desert encroachment in Sudan and neighbouring countries.

\* Much of the diverted water would be stored in the Aswan Dam and lost to the atmosphere there, thus negating any gains for Egypt.

\* Partial drainage of the swamps would lead to total breakdown of swamp ecology, "severely affecting" natural fauna and flora ranging from fish and hippopotami to birds and papyrus.

\* The regulatory and filtering effects of the Sudd would be lost. Floods would therefore become more widespread while minerals and silt flowing north would encourage weed and, far from opening up the river, would clog it further.

\* The 600,000 Nuer, Shilluk and Dinka tribesmen in the area would be cut off from their seasonal grazing land by the canal, while proposed irrigated agricultural schemes would disrupt their well-balanced life-style leading to "extremely mortifying" short-term changes in their culture.

Sudanese officials deny these allegations vehemently. Abdullah Ibrahim told me in Khartoum that the swamps would be reduced by no more than five per cent, with minimal effect on the climate. Each million cubic metres of water saved would benefit Sudan's GNP by \$25m. and would provide important reserves for the country's development in the 1980's.

Who are ecologists protesting?

Sudanese Vice President, Abel Alier, himself a Dinka from Bor at the southern end of the proposed canal, spoke with more emotion.

"I know there are problems in the area," he told me in the southern region capital of Juba. "But people there are

almost totally dependent on livestock. What we have been witnessing in the past 25 years is a perennial flooding of our pastures and this has been causing a great deal of concern."

"Since 1961 over 40 cattle camps which used to be places for grazing have become habitat not for our cattle but for anything which moves in the water."

"Our people are more interested in having cattle there than the mosquitoes which now infest the place. Who do these ecologists think they are protecting and against what? I wish I could get one of these elusive people so we could discuss what the problems are."

But problems there undoubtedly are, not least of which is lack of specific funds to dig the canal. Although a French construction company is currently assembling the largest excavator in the world at the northern end of the proposed waterway, potential donors are hanging back while there are still doubts about the side effects of the project.

## Insufficient information

Part of the problem is lack of sufficient information. Much of the current scheme is based on research called by the previous 1954 Anglo-Egyptian survey.

So with the help of a British livestock consultant, Dr. Bill Payne, currently Senior UNDP Adviser in Sudan, the Jonglei Commission is going back and doing its sums. It is initiating specific projects to collect data on hydrology, animal life and natural resources, and the economic and social life of the southern tribes.

As results emerge from the current surveys, Mr. Payne and his teams are making recommendations for modification of the project.

One of the important new

suggestions is to change the course of the proposed canal, running its southern end out into the eastern plains. This, it is argued, will help form a natural barrier against flooding from the east. It will not force 175,000 Dinka cattle men to cross the canal in search of higher grazing land in the rainy season.

Where further north, Dinka and Nuer tribesmen will still have to cross the canal with their cattle, Mr. Payne suggests not expensive bridges but a mixture of pontoons, hand-operated ferries and specially marked inlets in the canal banks where cattle can swim across with the current.

## Human dimension

He also advocates modernising of the Dinka livestock industry rather than a rush towards irrigated agricultural development schemes.

In this way the Jonglei scheme is taking on a more human dimension. The Sudan government appears to be taking to heart the recommendations of Professor Thayer Scudder of the California Institute of Technology. Reporting on socio-economic research in the Jonglei region in 1976, Prof. Scudder wrote, "The 'hit-and-run' or fly-by-night style of research which has been done for most of the development projects in the world today cannot yield the expected results in... an area like the one of Jonglei."

The way things are going there may still be scope for some of the alternative technology ideas touched on by ecologist Oscar Mann in his report, such as anaerobic decomposition of papyrus, water hyacinth, animal dung and fish offal to produce fertiliser, food and fuel for the local tribesmen.

-- Financial Times  
News-Features

## Report shows changing attitudes in U.S. toward marriage relationships

By Ann Blackman

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The number of unmarried men and women living together in the United States has more than doubled since 1970, the U.S. government reported last week.

And the divorce ratio has increased so dramatically in the 1970's that today more than one in three marriages dissolves.

A Census Bureau report on the marital status and living arrangements of Americans shows that as of March 1977, there were 754,000 unrelated men and women sharing households, compared with 327,000 in 1970.

"Many of the young people who adopt this living arrangement are in a temporary or transitional situation which serves as a prelude to entering into more conventional family living," the report says.

"Although the Census Bureau does not collect information on the nature of the personal relationship between these unmarried couples, it seems likely that most of them were partners, roommates, companions or friends."

The report shows that the divorce ratio increased 79 per cent since 1970. That means there are now 84 divorced persons for every 1,000 who are married, compared to 47 divorced persons in 1970.

## Not necessarily negative

"This doesn't necessarily mean that Americans have a negative view of marriage," said Arthur J. Norton, Chief of the Census Bureau's Marriage and Family Statistics Branch. "People have a high ideal of marriage, and when it doesn't work, many divorce to pursue that ideal."

One result is that four out of five of those who divorce

remain -- and 40 per cent of those divorce again, Mr. Norton said.

## Other highlights of the report show:

\* More people are postponing marriage. In 1977, 45 per cent of all women age 20 to 24 were not married, compared with 28 per cent in 1960.

The proportion of men of the same age increased from 53 to 64 per cent in the same period.

\* The median age at first marriage was 24 for men and 21.6 for women, an increase of a full year for both sexes since the mid-1960's. The median is the middle point half marry younger while half marry older.

\* There were 17.7 million persons in 1977 who lived alone or with an unrelated person, an increase of 50 per cent between 1970 and 1977. About 16 million of these persons lived alone.

\* In March 1977, there were

## Children with parents

The report shows that although there were 5.4 million fewer persons under 18 in 1977 than in 1970, the number of children living with only their mother increased by 3 million.

In 1970, 85 per cent of all children under 18 lived with two parents, the report shows. By 1977, this proportion had declined to 79 per cent.

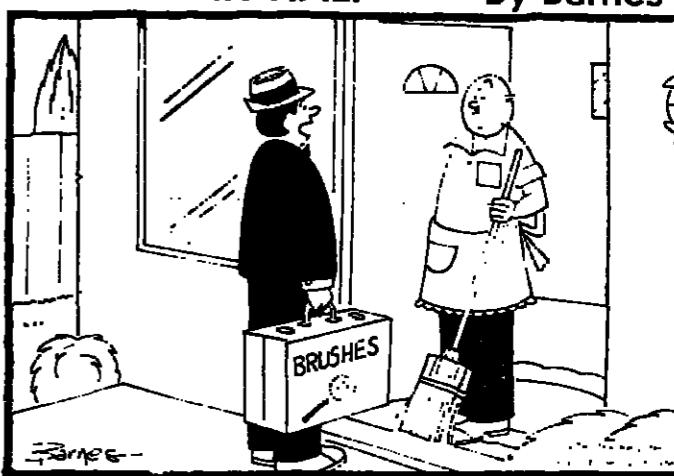
The figures show that five out of every six persons maintaining families with no spouse present were women.

"This finding reflects the higher remarriage rate for men as well as a greater propensity for wives to retain the children when marriages are dissolved," the report said.

— In March 1977, there were

## THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



## GORED BRIDGE

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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AQJ1095 ♦A8 ♦A5 ♦AQ7

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

2 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass

? What do you bid now?

What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦A43 ♦KJ1072 ♦Q8 ♦KJ6

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.3—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦AQJ ♦6 ♦AKQ1092 ♦QJ6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

? What do you bid now?

What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J76 ♦A5 ♦K854 ♦Q972

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ 4 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?



